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Christmas at Denison House.

The Christmas season at Denison House is the busiest and cheeriest of the whole year. To the college girl unable to go to her far western home, the Settlement extends its hospitality and allows her little time for homesickness. Each day until after New Year's there are at least two delightful parties for the children and for the older people who come to the House. Every hour is full of activity. For weeks beforehand the residents have been preparing these Christmas festivities. Plays are rehearsed, carols are practiced, candy bags are made, toys are selected and bought, numerous boxes of dolls and holiday decorations are unpacked. The week preceding and the one following Christmas Day are the busiest of all. Stockings are filled with toys and appropriate gifts for children, and on Christmas Eve after nightfall, when the little boys and girls are supposed to be in bed, the members of the household steal forth to play Santa Claus, distributing these stockings among the very poorest children, taking care to select those who are not likely to have any other gifts. When Christmas morning dawns, great is the delight of these chosen ones that the idol of childhood days has not passed them by, and waning faith in Santa Claus is re-established firm and strong for another year. Even the the little people of Tyler Street have their Christmas visions.

The morning after Christmas the big Green Room is the scene of activity, and in less than two hours the most wonderful, shining tree has sprung up, almost as if by magic. As one boy said,"it growed like everything." This tree with its glittering icicles, blooming red roses and bright candles is a source of never-ending joy and delight. Then, too, it has such a wonderful history and the children listen eagerly to the story of how the Christmas Tree came to be and to the interpretation of its symbols, from the animals which adorn the lower branches to the white angel that hovers over the top of the tree. Below the angel on one side is the golden sun, on the other side a silver moon; the stars too are there.

Beginning Tuesday afternoon we have what might be called a series of parties. There are parties for the young, parties for the old, parties in the afternoon, parties in the evening. The first celebration is for the Italian Women's Club, and it is indeed interesting to watch these picturesque foreigners with babies in their arms and children at their heels, their dark faces alight and eager at the pleasure in store for them. The Italians, true to their heritage, are a music loving people, so for their entertainment is provided an orchestra consisting of violins and a harp. That evening, at half-past seven, the entertainment for Syrian and Italian boys is scheduled. The young representatives of these two races assimilate each other more readily than they do the Irish and for this reason they are frequently brought together. At half-past six, while dessert is being served to the family at dinner, their small guests not wishing to establish a precedent for being fashionable, are beginning to arrive. However it seems wise to discourage this over-promptness, so, until the appointed hour, they are asked to remain on the street and politely requested not to ring the long-suffering door bell more often than is necessary. Accordingly disastrous results follow,—the new clothes are not quite so presentable as they were, and possibly some gorgeous yellow necktie is askew. At half-past seven they tumble in, regardless of manners and good breeding. At this party there are games, some music, and the illumination of the Christmas Tree. An important feature which must not be overlooked is the pink and white ice-cream. It is wonderful how much pink and white ice-cream the small boy can digest.

On the following night the programme is somewhat similar for the Irish boys' party, except that they, possessing more spirit and originality than their oriental brothers, give "The Birds' Christmas Carol," in pantomime, which proves most diverting.

Everything is not for the boys, however. The little girls come in for their share too and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons there are two charming parties which begin the distribution of the dolls that so many kind friends have dressed. The children, some of them, bring their mothers, and the occasion is very joyous and festive. Thursday night the scene is quite different and our older, more decorous neighbors are given a musical treat and a happy evening. To them the tree is almost as marvelous as to the children.

Perhaps the most enjoyable party of all is the one which comes on Friday afternoon, because it is for the very tiniest children. About ninety or a hundred small boys and girls crowd into the Green Room which at times seems all too small. They sing the old Christmas carols in their shrill little voices almost shouting their favorite,—

"There's a wonderful tree, a wonderful tree
The happy children rejoice to see;
Spreading its branches year by year,
It comes from the forest to flourish here.
Oh, this wonderful tree
With its branches wide
Is always, is always blooming at Christmas-tide."

Each girl is given a doll and each boy a colored ball and they depart with shining faces and hands full of candy. This party is followed by the Students' Club entertainment at which Professor Taylor reads Dickens's Christmas Carol and there is more music.

Then comes a lull until after the New Year when festivities are resumed for three more nights. On Tuesday the Women's Club is entertained by a special musical treat at which the boy soprano from the Church of the Advent sang beautifully. On Wednesday there is an operetta "Old Ladies in Lavendar," with fascinating wax works in which Alexander the Great is an impressive figure and Confucius wears a marvelous gown. On Thursday another play is given by a club of older girls. The actors are eagerly applauded and have their reward for weeks of hard work in the satisfaction of a successful performance.

So, long after people have settled down to their daily tasks and duties the aftermath of Christmas remains. There still lingers in the Green Room at Denison House the odor of pine and balsam. The candles on the Christmas Tree burn steadily and brightly as the festival is continued. So, too, the spirit of Christmas remains.

Bessie Lee Gaylord.

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When we return to college after three weeks away from the busy atmosphere crowded with trivialities, we have inevitably a clearer and more wholesome perspective of college life in the mass and in detail. Many things which, when we had no time for serious consideration, seemed so important, sink to the proper level; other interests, on the contrary, rightfully compel our attention as the broadest and most real parts of college. Among these nothing is more worthy of our support and interest than the much neglected Library Fund. When Mr. Carnegie's gift and the attending conditions were first announced, the bulletin boards were crowded with posters telling that shoes would be blacked, hair shampooed, placards painted, all for the Library Fund; now there is abundant information to the same effect, except that the Library Fund is not mentioned! Radcliffe, which received a smaller gift from Mr. Carnegie at the same time and under the same conditions, has already succeeded in collecting and earning the requisite amount; while in spite of the recent gift of five thousand dollars, received during vacation, we are still far behind them. Has the enthusiasm which impelled us to open our traditionally sacred Tree Day to the public last June, really waned, or have we simply been too busy, in the last crowded weeks before Christmas, to think seriously of our obligation toward this interest which will repay us a hundredfold?

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MUSIC NOTES.

The vesper service an Sunday evening, January 14, contained a number of old favorites among the Christmas anthems and carols it presented. The service anthem was Mr. Macdougall's arrangement of "Sleep, Holy Babe." The choir sang four old French carols "Whence art Thou," "The Mighty Lord To-day," "St. Joseph and Mary," and "The Angels." The solos were by Misess Legg, Chandler and Williams.

On Monday evening, January 15, at Billings' Hall, a faculty concert was given. Miss J. P. Daniell, Violinist; Miss E. E. Torrey, Reader; Mr. C. G. Hamilton, Pianist and Mr. H. C. Macdougall, Organist and Accompanist took part. The numbers were:

Kol Nedrei, op. 47.....M. Bruch
Violin and Organ
Ritournelle.....Chaminade
Serenade.....Dedla
Violin
"Hiawatha's Wooing," op. 20.
A Melodrame.....R. G. Cole
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Violin and Organ.

On Wednesday, January 17, at 4.30, P.M., in Billings Hall, Mr. Macdougall will give a brief lecture on the wood-wind of the modern orchestra with illustrative examples played by Messrs. A. Brook, Flute and Piccolo; F. Mueller, Oloe and English Horn; O. Fitzsche, Clarinet and Bass Clarinet; P. Sadoni, Bassoon.

On Monday evening, January 22, at Billings Hall, Miss Emily J. Hurd will give a concert of chamber music assisted by Mr. Frank Currier, Violinist and Mr. Bertram Currier, 'Cellist.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Wednesday, January 17, 4.20-5 P.M., recital in Billings Hall.
Sunday, January 21, 11 A.M., services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Rev. Henry S. Coffin of New York. 7 P.M., vespers with address by Miss Anna B. Scoville on some phase of the Indian question.
Monday, January 22, Shakespeare Reception.
7.30 P.M., Faculty Concert in Billings Hall. A recital of chamber music, piano, violin and 'cello.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Five mid-week services instead of one,—that is the experiment which the Christian Association will try on Thursday, January 18. It has been suggested that small group meetings with very practical subjects might lead to the kind of informal and helpful discussions which have been more characteristic of class prayer-meetings than of the large Thursday-evening services in College Hall Chapel. The divisions for these section meetings have been made geographically, one service for each of the following five localities: College Hall; Stone Hall and Simpson; the Hill; Pomeroy and Cazenove; the Village, including Fiske and Eliot. The subject for all of these meetings is "Friendship." The exact hours and places will be announced by bulletins. The Christian Association asks the co-operation of all members of the college in testing this experiment.

The engagement of Miss Frances E. Sherman, 1907, to Mr. Joseph Kilburn Pettingell of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute is announced.

On Saturday evening, January 13, the Barnswallows' Society gave a masquerade in the Barn. The party was an unusually picturesque one, and all ages and nations were represented in the throng of merrymakers, who danced or promenaded, played pranks or gossiped in cosy corners. There were clowns and Puritans, Persian ladies of high degree, Greek and Spanish dancing girls and dainty geishas, soldiers, and little girls with curls and French frocks. The music was exceptionally good, and as the tired maskers bade one another a reluctant "good-night" they voted the evening one of the pleasantest of our beloved Barnswallow nights.

On Sunday, January 14, class prayer meetings were held by the classes of 1907 and 1908.

Professor Coman attended during the holidays the session of the American Economic Association at Baltimore and was elected a member of the Council, the first woman to enjoy that distinction.

On Saturday afternoon, January 13, members of the College had the privilege of hearing a reading of "Hamlet" by Mr. Marshall Darrach of New York, who came to Wellesley under the auspices of the Department of English Literature. Mr. Darrach's interpretation of the character of Hamlet was somewhat novel and extremely interesting, and even if it did not agree with one's own theories it commanded respectful attention on account of its sincerity and the excellence of its presentation.

An Economics note-book, containing also a Literature IX paper dated December 20, was taken by mistake from a table in the general library just before the Christmas recess. The return of book and paper either to the NEWS office or to 23 Fiske would be greatly appreciated.

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THE JOHN BARRETT PRIZES—1906.

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Three prizes—a first prize of $100, a second prize of $75, and a third prize of $50—have been established by the Hon. John Barrett, United States Minister to Colombia, to be awarded to the authors of the best papers on any one of the subjects named below. Mr. Barrett states the object of the prizes to be "to promote the study of the history, peoples, politics, resources and possibilities of our sister Republics," and to develop throughout the United States "a wider interest in our political and commercial relations with Latin-America, and to foster a more general study of Latin-American history, institutions, political, social and educational conditions, material and industrial resources, and commercial possibilities —especially as they affect the growth of close ties of international comity and confidence."

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(1) The competition is open to any student, man or woman, registered during the academic year 1905-1906 in any American college, university, or technical school. Undergraduate, professional and graduate students are alike eligible.

(2) Papers submitted by competitors must not exceed 10,000 words in length.

(3) Papers, accompanied by the full name and address of the writer and statement of the class and college, university, or technical school to which the writer belongs, must be mailed or delivered to an express company not later than September 1, 1906, addressed to the President of Columbia University, New York, N. Y., marked "For the John Barrett Prize."

(4) The prizes will be awarded by a Committee of Judges chosen for the purpose, and the results will be announced through the public press as soon after October 1, 1906, as practicable.

(5) The paper awarded the first prize will be transmitted by the undersigned to the Director of the Bureau of American Republics, who will cause it to be published and circulated as one of the publications of that Bureau.

(6) All papers submitted in competition, other than the one to which the first prize is awarded, will be destroyed as soon as the prizes have been awarded, unless, at the time of sending, a competitor asks for the return of the manuscript and furnishes a fully stamped and properly addressed envelope.

(7) Papers must be submitted in typewritten form.

Any one of the following subjects may be chosen:

I. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC.

(a) The Monroe Doctrine and its influence on the political and economic development of Latin-America.

(b) The influence of the Panama Canal on the commercial and political development of Latin-America.

(c) Present conditions and future possibilities of the trade of the United States with South America.

(d) The present material and economic progress of South America.

(e) The practicability and utility of the proposed Pan-American Railway.

II. HISTORICAL.

(a) The influences and conditions that worked for the independence and establishment of the South American Republics.

(b) The influences and conditions that worked for the independence and establishment of the Central American Republics and Mexico.

(c) The character and achievements of Bolivar as shown in the struggle for the independence of Northern South America.

(d) The character and achievements of San Martin as shown in the struggle for the independence of Southern South America.

(e) The conditions surrounding and circumstances influencing the overthrow of the Empire and establishment of the Republic in Brazil.

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On leaving Dana Hall, in 1885, Miss Scoville's graduating essay took the form of a pathetic little Indian story, which was printed and had wide circulation as a mission leaflet. After two years of special study in history and English literature at the College, followed by a period of European travel and further historical work at Oxford, Miss Scoville gave a number of years to Hampton Institute. Here her interest in her Indian students became so strong that, summer after summer, she went out to the Reservations and, roughing it as she must, learned to know the Indian in such homes as we have left him. She has listened to Indian folk-stories in the tepee and by the camp-fire; has watched the plays of the children and the handiwork of the women; has nursed the sick and sat with the chiefs in Council. In short, her understanding of the Indian is so first-hand and genuine a thing that her pleading of his grievances, through the press and in popular addresses, attracted the attention first of the Lake Mohonk conventions, in which she was soon called to bear a part, and then of the national government. She has been often called into consultation at Washington and was sent out to Nebraska last summer as United States supervisor—a position never before held by a woman—to investigate certain specific frauds practiced against the Winnebagoes. It is of these iniquities, run to earth by most daring and strenuous effort, that she will speak on Friday evening. Sunday evening she will speak in the chapel service on other phases of the Indian problem.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY A COLLEGE TRUST.

Some unpleasant discoveries have been made in the Library recently. Last June it was found that a chapter in a census report which had been given as a reference for final papers in Economics had been removed from the volume. A few weeks ago Miss Repplier's "In Retreat" was cut out from the July Atlantic.

Much as we dislike to publish the fact that there is anyone in the College community so lacking in public spirit, we feel compelled to take this course as a means of safeguarding the interests of the College at large. For unless the offender be made to feel the disapproval of public opinion, one cannot view the future of the Library without concern. Is it probable that a person so indifferent to the rights of others will be considerate enough to confine her depredations to current magazines, which can be replaced at small expense? Or will her despoiling penknife wander through our books, and if so, can the literary feeling of the marauder be relied upon to spare the older and choicer volumes of the collection?

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'Tisn't easy to travel home,
With girls enticing to roam.
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A yellow scud in the shadow,
And passes your grocery bag
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That you shouldn't call him off guard;
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Have you seen two haggard girls
With a wild look in their eye,
Breathless, but always smiling
If a faculty they spy?

"O would you be so kind," they gasp,
"To act as chaperone,
To hear the great debate to-night
Over in Cambridge-town?

The Council? O, that meets to-night?
It is too bad. We'll try
To see Miss X., perhaps she'll go.
Thank you so much. Good-bye."

Miss X. is out. In vain they rush
Down to the schedule card
To see what room Miss Z. is in.
It's really pretty hard

To find her schedule blank to-day—
They know she lives at Wood.
A bright thought comes—why not Miss Y.—
She will be quite as good.

"We're very much in need"—Ah, yes,
In vain the quick words flow.
"Engagements. O, I'm sorry, girls,
I'd really like to go!

But you'll find lots to take you,
So don't worry." "No, we shan't."
With hope they tear down many a stair,
To find Miss Cæsar "Can't."

From Stone to Wood, then back again,
From first to fourth—three times
To reach the door and think—"Miss F!"
Then up the stairs to climb.

2.25! She has a class
In O. Where can that be?
When they, at last, have reached the door
The clock points half-past three.

The list approved have all been asked,
And unapproved ones, four;
Oh, had they any vigor left
They'd go to sixty more.

Because to miss a thing like this—
It oughtn't to be done.
Would bulletin sign move any heart?
"Wanted—a chaperone."

To Freeman, Wilder, Village now
Though hardly half alive,
When a gentle "Very sorry"
Comes from Number Twenty-five.

At 6 o'clock—a dying chance—
They clutch the telephone.
If you'd only asked me sooner
I'd have been your chaperone."
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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

In addition to notes concerning graduates, the Alumnæ Column will contain items of interest about members of the Faculty, past and present, and former students.

Dr. Howard S. Paine and wife (Mrs. Sarah Potter Paine, 1884) have issued a circular describing the tours in Europe planned by them for the season of 1906. Trips through Northern and Southern Europe have been arranged; a summer in the British Isles; two extended tours of Europe, and several short trips. Information in regard to these tours may be had by addressing Dr. and Mrs. Paine at 148 Ridge St., Glens Falls, New York.

Mrs. Ada Wing Mead, 1886, president of the Alumnæ Association, spent the summer with her husband in Germany.

Miss Lillian Miner, 1888, secretary of the Executive Board of the Alumnæ Association, spent the spring and summer travelling with her family in the British Isles and on the continent.

Miss Katharine Reed Elliott, 1892, who is teaching English in Fairmont Seminary, Washington, D. C., spent last summer in England and Scotland, taking work in English and history in Oxford during August.

Miss Susan D. Huntington, 1894, spent part of October with Miss Fannie B. Greene, 1894, at her home in Tokio, Japan, and celebrated Thanksgiving in Honolulu, at the mountain home of Mrs. Mary Dillingham Frear, 1893.

Miss Bertha Rockwell, 1893-1894, is studying painting in Paris.

Miss Mathilde von Beyersdorff, 1900, is studying art in Florence, giving especial attention to miniature painting. Her address is Pensione Banchi, Viale Margherita, 54.

Miss Amy Whitney, 1901, is spending the winter in Santa Rosa, California.

Miss Sara L. McLauthlin, 1903, sailed in December for Germany, where she will spend some time in study.

Mrs. Marion Robson Travis, formerly of 1903, expects to go about January first, to Cuba, where she will join her husband, who is engaged in the cattle business there. Mrs. Travis will be accompanied by her little son and her sister, Miss Nellie Robson.

Miss Mabel Bishop, 1905, is laboratory assistant to Dr. James Ewing, professor of Pathology in the Cornell University Medical School. Her address is Whittier Hall, New York City. Miss Bishop is the eleventh Wellesley graduate now living in Whittier Hall.

The following changes of address are noted:—

Mrs. Mary Boggs East, formerly of 1903, 97 Brownell Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Miss Mary Marston, 1903, and Miss Elizabeth Marston, 1905, 3501 Seventh Street, San Diego, California

The following positions to teach have been accepted:—

Miss Florence Loop, 1900, is teaching mathematics in the High School, Brockton, Massachusetts. Her address is 389 Main Street.

Miss Nona S. Bridge, 1902, is teaching Latin and mathematics in the High School, Grant's Pass, Oregon.

Miss Mabel Champlin, 1903, is teaching French and commercial branches in the High School at Warwick, Rhode Island.

Miss Anne R. Ripley, 1903, is tutoring at her home, 414 Maple Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Miss Mildred Franklin, 1904, is teaching in Pasadena, California, in the same school as Mrs. Mary Patterson Manly, a member of the department of English, 1885-1892.

Miss Beulah P. Johnson, 1904, is teaching English history and German at Woodstock Academy, Woodstock, Massachusetts.

Miss Estella C. Kramer, 1904, is teaching in the High School, East Denver, Colorado.

Miss Elizabeth C. Taylor, 1904, is head worker in the Bethel Settlement, 1416 2d Street, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Miss Florence Cantieny, 1905, principal of the High School, Le Roy, Minnesota.

Miss Edna D. Holmes, 1905, is assistant to the principal in the High School, Groveton, New Hampshire, where she teaches mathematics, history and geology.

Miss Helen Thomas, 1905, is teaching English and commercial branches in the High School, Littleton, New Hampshire.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Daisy G. Dutcher, 1904, to Mr. Edward Carlton Hammond of Brookline.

MARRIAGES.

Longee—Morrill. At Conway Center, New Hampshire, January 8, 1906, Miss Lucia Morrill, 1890, to Dr. Arthur Jewett Longee. At home in Fryeburg, Maine.

Montague—Montgomery. In New York City, December 20, 1905, Miss Hazel Genevieve Montgomery, formerly of 1904, to Mr. Theodore Langdon Montague.

BIRTHS.

September 17, 1905, a son, Cornelius Frederick, to Mrs. Grace Cole-Wood, 1897-1898.

DEATHS.

In Jamestown, New York, December 16, 1905, Mrs. Abner Hazeltine, mother of Miss Mary Emogene Hazeltine, 1891.

August 22, 1905, Richardson Augustus Wood, son of Mrs. Grace Cole-Wood, 1897-1898.

THEATRE NOTES.

Colonial—Edna May in "The Catch of the Season."
Special Matinees: William Gillette in "Clarice."
Tremont—"The Galloper."
Hollis—William Collier in "The Heart of a Sparrow."
Park—Blanche Walsh in "The Woman in the Case."
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